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Editor's Note

In our shrinking world, it is important for U.S. planning professionals to understand the difficulties their counterparts face in other countries. European planning issues may resemble those in the U.S., but the variety of political, social and economic systems there make the approaches very different from one another and from ours. Third World planning issues include population control and providing food and shelter, which may seem far removed from issues we consider to be planning-related. But the problems of overcrowding, hunger and homelessness affect our personal and professional lives.

This issue of *Carolina Planning* examines the profession in a variety of international contexts and from a variety of perspectives. The problems planners face in other parts of the world, and the approaches they have taken, provide insights into the way we practice planning in the United States.

The interview with Viennese Professor Walter Stöhr and the first feature article by Dale Whittington and Craig Calhoun are applications-oriented, involving fieldwork. Stöhr discusses the collection and analysis of European local development initiatives—an alternative approach to economic development, which utilizes local resources to build strong economies. Dale Whittington and Craig Calhoun share their experience trying to establish a microcomputer-based development project directory for donor coordination in Sudan.

The next two articles evaluate planning problems, albeit in very different contexts. Simon Powell examines the related problems of planning for industrial development on the urban fringe of Nanjing, China, and of ensuring agricultural self-sufficiency. Judith Allen describes the Greater London Council's (GLC) challenge to Britain's "conventional wisdom," which sees planning only as a tool for controlling development. Allen then analyzes the positive impact of the GLC's approach on London's disempowered groups.

Linda Lacey takes a prescriptive approach by proposing new ways of teaching population studies to planners. She illustrates in Commentary the application of such an approach through the new curriculum at the Department of City and Regional Planning.

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Heidi Walter Powell
Editor

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